

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated December 15, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 9-22 have been withdrawn; accordingly, claims 1-8 are under examination.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Pub. 2003-0058210 to Yamazaki et al. (hereinafter "Yamazaki").

The rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-8 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein said image processor controls said combination and lighting order in relation to a timing frame, wherein said frame is divided into subframes, wherein said image signal processor decides the combination of the three color light sources at each subframe". None of the cited references including Yamazaki, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

It is clear from the timing diagram of Fig. 5 of Yamazaki that at no point during the operation of the Yamazaki apparatus is any combination of red, green, or blue lights on. In fact, Yamazaki discloses that each of "the R, G, and B LED's are turned on during the subframe R period (T_{sFR}), subframe G period (T_{sFG}), and subframe B period (T_{sFB}), respectively." (Yamazaki, para. [0073]). Yamazaki's further description (paras. [0073]-[0076]) makes clear that each LED is driven in its own subframe, in contrast to Applicant's invention (for example, see Figure 14, ST2). Thus, Yamazaki does not disclose or suggest "said image signal processor decides the combination of the three color light sources at each subframe" as recited in claim 1.

Applicants believe the foregoing discussion places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

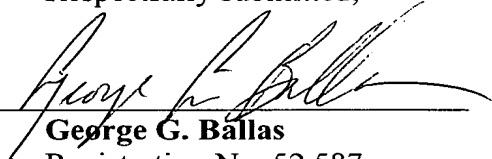
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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